

Weekly Status and Information Report:
Week of December 31, 2007 - January 4, 2008

TONIGHT - Artists' Reception: Join us this evening as we celebrate the opening of "The Classroom and Beyond" - an exhibit of acrylics, oils, pastels, & watercolors created by the students of Joan Samworth. The reception will be held tonight, Friday, January 4, in the Atrium Gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Reception for Retired Deputy City Manager: A reception for recently-retired Deputy City Manager Wayne Hobbs will be held Monday evening, January 7, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium lobby of the Community Center. A resolution honoring his service will be heard at the City Council meeting following the reception. All are welcome! (*City Manager*)

New Sports Coordinator: The Recreation Department is pleased to welcome Matt Poorman to the team as our new Sports Coordinator. He is a native of Virginia Beach, attended Old Dominion University, and has experience in many youth and adult programs. Matt will be responsible for all sports programs as well as summer offerings. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact him at MattP@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

Exhibits at the Takoma Park Community Center: "The Classroom and Beyond", exhibit of Art Work by the Students of Joan Samworth opens today in the Atrium and Richard Dempsey Memorial Galleries. "Brainwave Entrainment: How Colors, Shapes and Sounds Can Stimulate Your Creativity," an exhibit of the work of George Pierson can be seen in the new Annex Gallery on the third floor. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Creativity Workshop - Saturday, January 12: Visual artist George Pierson, former creative executive for Discovery Channel and HBO, will offer a free seminar and workshop on Saturday, January 12 to demonstrate how specific brainwave patterns can stimulate creative thinking through exposure to art, music and guided meditations. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Call for Public Art: The Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission issued a "Call for Public Art" this week. Proposals from artists (of all disciplines and mediums), community members and neighborhood associations, that embrace strong artistic appeal and sensitivity and which would attract more visitors and residents to public locations throughout the city of Takoma Park are welcomed. The Commission encourages applicants to think of the city as a blank canvas and decide what public art projects would best embody the creative spirit and rich history of the community. Additional information can be found on the City's website at www.takomaparkmd.gov or by contacting Sara Anne Daines at sarad@takomagov.org. Proposals are due February 22, 2008. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Afternoon Addition Training: The Afternoon Addition staff held two training sessions this week focusing on program and activity planning and team building. This is the second round of training the staff has received this school year. The focus was placed on age appropriate activities, leading a group and communication. (*Recreation*)

Recreation Program Holiday Parties: 1) The Afternoon Addition had a Winter Wonderland Party on Friday, December 21. The children in the program helped plan the event by suggesting activities and helping decorate the room. 2) On December 20, children in the Kidzcity program were treated to pizza, crafts and wrapped presents at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. The community is grateful for the ongoing support of the VFW in funding this annual event. *(Recreation Department)*

Senior Club Trip: Twelve Silver Foxes, Senior Club members, ventured on the recreation bus to the National Gallery of Art on Thursday Jan. 3, to view the J.M.W. Turner exhibit. The next trip for the Silver Foxes is to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History on February 26 at 10 a.m. *(Recreation)*

Police Chief's Meetings: On December 26, Chief Ricucci met with the Chair of the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee to discuss preparedness. On January 3, Chief Ricucci attended the Criminal Justice Coordination Commission meeting, while Captain Coursey represented the department at the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting. *(Police)*

CSAFE Enhanced Impaired Driving Task Force: On December 21, CSAFE, in conjunction with the police departments in Takoma Park and Prince George's County, conducted an Enhanced Impaired Driving Task Force, which consisted of members of the two referenced jurisdictions. The Task Force conducted saturated patrol along University Blvd. and New Hampshire Avenue, stopping as many vehicles as possible for any and all traffic violations in an attempt to locate and arrest subjects for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). *(Police)*

Traffic Enforcement: In the past week, officers conducted at least 92 traffic stops which resulted in citations, five vehicle impounds and one arrest. During the week ending December 29, officers conducted at least 62 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds and one DUI arrest. *(Police)*